carefully calibrate the pace and extant of external liberalisation in order to fully project labour interests. The existing labour laws in India already protect the interests of the various sections of the labour force. The Second National Commission on Labour while developing the framework in its recommendations is expected to take into account the economic environment involving rapid economic changes, globalisation of economy and liberalisation of trade and industry so that the existing labour laws are in tune with the future labour market needs and demands.

Manpower Exports

2006. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of man power exports busted in the country during the last one year;

(b) the number of persons arrested and prosecuted so far; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Government has granted under the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983, prosecution sanctions, during the year 2001, in respect of 18 agencies/individuals involved in sending persons abroad illegally.

(b) A total of 35 persons are involved in these 18 cases. These prosecution cases are pending in appropriate Courts.

(c) With a view to curbing the activities of unscrupulous agencies/ individuals, detailed guidelines have also been issued to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration for issue of necessary instructions right down to the level of police stations for keeping a strict vigil on the activities of unscrupulous agencies/individuals.

Health Hazards to Construction Workers

2007. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey about the workers engaged in construction and repair of roads in the country;